

RESOLUTION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING

Lt. Art Wong
United States Army Air Force
In appreciation of his service during World War II

WHEREAS, Art Wong is being honored for his service and dedication to his country, fellow service members, and civilians; and

WHEREAS, Art Wong served as a pilot in the USAAF in the United States and in England during WWII from March 1944 until November 1945, rising to the rank of 1st Lieutenant; and while flying his P-51 aircraft over German territory during a sortie on December 24th, 1944 suffered engine failure and smoke in the cockpit and was forced to parachute from his aircraft; and

WHEREAS, Art Wong was captured by German Volksstrum and was force-marched for four days to a railway transfer point, where, along with other prisoners of war, he was transported to a POW camp; and spent more than four months in a German POW camp, documenting his experiences, thoughts and feelings in a hidden journal until his eventual liberation on May 1st, 1945; and

WHEREAS, Art Wong returned to the United States after the war, graduated from MIT, married, and raised a family, while carving out a rewarding 20 year career at Hewlett Packard until his retirement in 1982; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, does hereby honor and commends Lt. Art Wong for his service to his country in WW II, and as an outstanding example of fortitude, courage and service to country.

Dated: March 10, 2020

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